

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2244 without my signature.

Current law already requires hospitals to have written staffing plans for nursing staff. In addition, hospitals must determine the staffing needs for “non-licensed” classifications using the hospital’s individual patient care requirements and their system of delivering care. To target a requirement specifically at the five University of California hospitals is both unnecessary and ineffective. All hospitals are currently licensed and held accountable using the same criteria – this makes good policy sense and creates an environment that protects all patients equally, regardless of the type of hospital.

For these reasons, I am unable to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger